

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER, 1984.

Present: D Bailey (in Chair), A Jones, A Murray, W Ross, H Cumming, W Wainman, Mrs S Moir, Mrs U Allen, Dr Drey

Apologies: Mrs S Shrago, Mrs S Milton, Mr A Calder

Attending: Cllr McLean, Cllr. Wainman, Mrs L Sill (Press), P & J Representative and 27 members of the public.

1. Mr Bailey welcomed everyone present at the meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The following amendments were made:-

in 9:- Department of Land to be changed to Department of Law.
Pictillon to be altered to Pictillum. Proposed: W Wainman. Seconded: A Murray.

3. (No. 6) on Agenda transferred to (No. 3). Craignyle Quarry Planning Application - up to date report from Sub-Committee.
On Tuesday 25th September the Sub-Committee (D Bailey, A Murray, A Jones, Dr Drey) went to Limehillocks, Keith to visit the waste plant belonging to North East Waste Services Ltd. When they arrived the plant was not in operation, but they were shown round by a member of staff. The sub-committee then went to visit occupants of houses in the surrounding area to get their views of the plant. Everyone spoken to were not very happy about it. The smell was complained about. One lady had to stay indoors at times because of this. Two people had already complained to the Environmental Health Department. 1½ hours were spent speaking to members of the community.

Mr Bailey handed over to Dr Drey to give his report. He said that he had studied the plans for the proposed waste plant to be built at Craignyle Quarry. Although it is to be applauded that companies want to move into the area, creating new jobs, it is questionable whether it is to the community's benefit if the price is serious environmental damage. He feared that the plant's operation could prove a serious health hazard in the long-term to the nearby communities of Kemnay and Kintore. He understood that the proposal is to dispose of Diesel boil-based muds (OMS) in an adapted plant. These consist of slurries of bentonite (siliceous clay) suspended in diesel containing a variety of additives. The slurry is classified as being 'dirty' by oil companies and he understood that handlers received additional payments because of its toxic nature. The additives may include among other things barytes (barium sulphate) calcium chloride, soluble phosphates, gums etc. There are a number of difficulties which may arise in the disposal of these muds. These are detailed in Dr Drey's letter to Mrs Geraldine Scott, Director of Planning and are as follows:-

(a) Good Furnace Operation. This is essential to achieve efficient combustion of the OBM's. Rotary furnaces of the type specified in the plans are well-known to be inefficient, because of the difficulty of maintaining a constant temperature. Carcinogens such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons could be produced, if the furnace is not burning at a high enough temperature, due to the partial combustion of aromatic-rich Diesel. These carcinogens would not be trapped by cycloning and would escape into the atmosphere. Efficient furnace operation will depend very much on careful control of the loading rate of the OBM. Furnace cooling could result if calcium chloride is present in appreciable quantities, due to the increased amount of heat energy required to dehydrate this substance. Once calcium chloride has been dehydrated chlorine gas and hydrochloric acid could be produced because of its thermal instability. These two well-known chemical hazards would then

go straight into the atmosphere.

A further hazard - barium sulphide - could be produced by reduction of barium sulphate by carbon produced in the furnace. If barium sulphide is exposed to water - almost an inevitability in an operation of this kind, hydrogen sulphide - an extremely unpleasant and toxic gas, will be produced, which in addition could corrode the equipment.

(b) Containment Reservoir. The containment reservoir could well be too small to cope with a crisis. If there was a spillage in winter, and the reservoir was filled with snow, water or ice, the 10% safety margin would not prevent overflow onto the site.

(c) Chimney. A height of nine metres has been quoted for the chimney. In still air conditions precipitation of smoke stack plume is commonly held to be seven times the height of the chimney - and that is some 63 metres from the source. In wind, this distance will increase dependant on wind velocity and deposition will occur on the surround countryside and communities. The prevailing winds are westerlies (37% of the time) and therefore in moderate to strong wind conditions deposition will be in the direction of Kintore, while 10% of the time the wind is easterly, deposition will occur over Kemnay, Craigearn and Castle Fraser.

(d) Waste Oils. It is proposed that other hydrocarbon wastes will be burnt on the site. Waste oils contain phosphorus and sulphur additives which will release acidic gases on combustion.

(e) Disposal of other Waste Organic Materials. Following the recent publicity surrounding the Rechem plant closure, I am very concerned that this plant may be used to dispose of other materials depending on the supply of waste products. This could be very serious if poly-halogenated wastes were to be burnt leading to acidic emissions, and other health problems recently reported in the press.

(f) Possible short and long-term effects. I would need to be reassured that the most stringent monitoring of the plant operation and emissions was carried out to prevent the release of (i) carcinogenic polycyclic hydrocarbons (ii) acidic gases and (iii) hydrogen sulphide. The consequences of failing to take these precautions, could pose, in the short term, serious threats to forestry and grazing lands, accelerated corrosion of motor cars and exacerbation of bronchial conditions. In the long term, emission of polycyclic carcinogenic hydrocarbons may result in a higher incidence of cancers."

A representative of North East Waste Services Ltd was invited to attend the Meeting to put their views, but no-one had turned up.

Mr Cumming proposed that a letter of complaint to Gordon District Council objecting to the plants be sent. This was seconded by W Wainman. The vote was carried unanimously by the Community Council and also by the 27 members of the public present. A copy of this letter to be put on to the Village Notice-Board.

4. (a) Rights of Way Society. A vote was taken on whether or not to join. Proposed by A Jones not to join. Seconded by Mrs Moir; and the majority agreed with this.
- (b) Amendment to the Constitution and Election for Vacant Seats. There were not enough Community Councillors present to take a vote on amendment. To be Agenda Item for the next meeting. Seats to be left vacant until May Election.
- (c) Allotments. Report from Mrs Wainman who showed a plan of where the allotments might be sighted if there is a demand for them. She asked if

Mrs Moir could ascertain if those persons who expressed an interest would still be interested when they were shown the proposed site. Mrs Wainman would put a piece in the Newsletter to see how much interest there was. The sooner she got a reply the sooner she could set things in motion; if people were interested it would be nice to have something organised ready for the growing season next spring. She was not making any rash promises though. There were all sorts of things like fencing and cost to be considered.

- 4 (d) Minute Secretary. There has been no response to the advertisement for a Minute Secretary. It is to be re-advertised in Newsletter and newsagents and the Notice Board. Mrs Shrago is to be offered £4 per meeting to do this if advertisement fails.
5. Correspondence Received.
 - (a) Letter re Christian Heritage Scotland. No interest was shown. Letter to be passed on to Mr Grant and Dr Forbes.
 - (b) Letter re Polling Station. Cllr. McLean said that a letter had been sent to the Community Council stating that Mr McNaughton was to take a positive look at the suggested place.
 - (c) Letter re Pictillum Farm re Tree Planting. No objections raised to the tree planting on this land. Mr Whitehead of Kirkstyle Farm had no objections but both farmers wanted a site meeting with the Council before the trees were planted.
 - (d) Notices for the Town Hall Concerts. These to be put on Notice-Board, shop windows, etc.
 - (e) Letter from Mr Pat Cobb re Lifeboat, asking if the lifeboat could either be blocked up or removed as it was being used by glue-sniffers. Mrs Wainman had received a copy of this letter and had seen about it. The lifeboat was removed on Tuesday 25th September.
- 7(a) Planning Application from Peter Turner for erection of dwellinghouse and garage at Birkenshaw, Victoria Terrace (Permission in Principle) G/84/P1107. Mr Wainman proposed that the application be opposed and seconded by A Jones. 4 abstentions. It was thought that building on the proposed site would alter the look of the street.
8. Medical Liaison Committee. A letter was sent to Kemnay OAP Association asking if one of their members wished to join the M.L.C. as Mr Sutherland will soon be moving to Inverurie, although still interested! He would not be around the village as often to pick up comments and queries. Mr Sutherland will still be included until he intimates otherwise. There was a meeting on 4th September. Mrs Wainman is now a member of the committee. re the Phone-in Service there is an improved service now due to more explanation of its uses.
9. District News.
 - (a) the New Library. This is to be built on its original site.
 - (b) Toilets. are to be built on Aquithie Road on old railway line opposite the Chip shop. Letter to be written to Gordon District to ask for adequate lighting and for the toilets to be as vandal-proof as possible. Also if ramps are to be installed for disabled toilets.
 - (c) Bus Stance. This is to be pursued.
 - (d) All weather play area/Bremner way/River. College Council to be asked to take on the area and use it for teaching children ball games.

10. Regional News.
 - (a) The Cats Eyes are now installed on Tyrebagger Hill reported Cllr. McLean.
 - (b) Victoria Terrace Flooding. This matter still being looked into.
11. New Business. - None.
12. A.O.C.B. - Treasurer's Report at next Meeting.
13. Next Meeting. This will be held on the 25th October 1984 at 7.30 p.m. in Kemnay Academy.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

Cllr M Wainman
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